



Hollywood Now Chapter Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chapter President John Erickson.

- I. The meeting started with all attendees introducing themselves
- II. John provided a **Legislative Update** on actions the Chapter is sponsoring, and said these bills are now headed to the Governor's Office for signing (or veto'ing). For more info, please see detailed information on the Hollywood NOW website.
 - AB 260/SB 225 – Human Trafficking
 - AB 23 – Single Gender Schools
 - SB 54 – CA Values Act
 - SB 309 – California Trusts Women
 - AB 1209 – Gender Pay Differentials
 - AB 569 – Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination ACT
- III. John provided an update on the Chapter's upcoming production of **The Vagina Monologues**:
 - a. Date: February 17 & 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. (both days)
 - c. Place: West Hollywood City Council Chambers
 - d. Updates:
 - Women's Advisory Board Co-Sponsorship – Approved on 9/28/17
 - West Hollywood City Council approved on 10/16/17
 - Event also approved for co-sponsorship by LGAB and TAB.
 - Cast selection being coordinated by John, Karen and Shaina (director)
 - Next Steps:
 - Email confirmations to returning and new cast members (update contact list)
 - Schedule rehearsals for 2018
 - Coordinate logistics, promotion and publicity
- IV. John provided an update on the upcoming **LA Advocacy Training Project**, which the chapter is supporting / promoting. Next session will be "How to Write an OpEd," which John and Karen strongly recommended for everyone interested in learning about writing opinion pieces and getting their name in the media as a women's rights advocate. Date is Sunday Oct. 22 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at NCJW-LA.
- V. John provided an update on the upcoming **Roe v. Wade event**, which will take place in mid-January (date TBD). The Chapter will be a co-sponsor of this event and John and Karen will represent the chapter at the first planning meeting on Nov. 1. Sara will represent the chapter with John and Karen at future planning meetings for this event.
- VI. John provided an update on the **Live Love Thrive women's conference**, scheduled for Nov. 3-4 in West Hollywood. The Chapter is a co-sponsor of the event, which will consist of a "Shark Tank"-like live show called She Tank on Nov. 3 and a full-day conference on Saturday, Nov. 4. Karen will be volunteering at the event on behalf of Hollywood NOW.
- VII. Sara provided an update on membership outreach, discussing an approach she planned to take with increasing membership.
- VIII. Chapter members and others were given the opportunity to provide updates and comments.
- IX. John adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The next chapter meeting is scheduled for November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Veggie Grill.